International airport at Noida (U.R)

653. SHRI LALIT SURI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be. pleased to state:

(a) by when work to build an international airport at Noida in Uttar Pradesh to ease congestion on International Airport at Delhi is expected to start; and

(b) by when the work is likely to be completed so as to make the airport operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) No formal approval at present, to set up, develop and construct an international airport at Noida in Uttar Pradesh has been accorded by Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Maintenance of helicopters

654. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the relevant investigation reports relating to two helicopters crashes in August 2003, one in Jammu and Kashmir that killed five on board and the other off the Mumbai coast which killed 27 on board including several ONGC personnel;

(b) if so, the details of the major findings and the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon;

(c) whether it is a fact that the DGCA overlooked the violation of regulations for proper maintenance of helicopters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the fresh guidelines issued to ensure strict compliance of the relevant norms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) to (d) The Government has appointed Inspectors of Accidents under Rule 71 of Indian Aircraft Rules, 1937 to investigate helicopters crashes taken place in Jammu and Kashmir and Mumbai High in August, 2003. The final investigation reports of both the accidents have not yet been received.